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MRI magnet installed, system to begin operating this spring

January 17 was the delivery date. Radiologists, technologists and administrative personnel had long awaited its arrival. Finally, their patience and hard work were about to pay off—a huge magnet, the major component of a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) system, arrived and was installed in the MRI building on Autumn Street.

"MRI is one of the most exciting and sophisticated imaging modalities available to help physicians diagnose a variety of conditions," says H. Esterbrook Longmaid, M.D., clinical director of the MRI section.

By using a powerful magnet and intermittent bursts of radio waves to produce computer-generated pictures of internal organs, this technique can provide useful diagnostic information. Since its introduction in 1981, MRI has become the leading method of imaging for the central nervous system, and is quite useful for detecting suspected disorders of the brain, lesions of the spine, and spinal cord, disorders such as multiple sclerosis, and most brain tumors.

"The arrival of this system will provide much-needed relief for patients in the Boston area," says Hugh Wheeler, Ph.D., administrative director, Radiology. "The demand is so high for this new technology that other local MRI centers have long waiting lists."

While the magnet has been installed, it is not yet magnetized. The remainder of the installation process, which includes the arrival of electronic equipment and necessary adjustments and testing, should take several weeks. It is expected that the Deaconess MRI system will be up and running by early May.

"In addition to the technological aspects of this new system, there are important safety precautions that must be understood and observed," says Wheeler. Because the magnet is so strong, metal objects in areas close to the magnet may become harmful projectiles.

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A six-ton electromagnet—the main component of the magnetic resonance imaging system—is lowered through an opening in the roof of the MRI building on Autumn Street.

Agreement signed to establish surgicenter

The Deaconess recently signed an agreement with Pilgrim Health Care and New England Baptist Hospital to establish New England Surgicare, a free-standing, multi-specialty ambulatory surgery center. The new facility will be located at One Brookline Place in Brookline Village.

"We are very excited about this arrangement and believe it represents a major step forward in providing high quality, specialized care at a lower cost to the public," says Joyce Tower, vice president, Operations.

A variety of surgical procedures will be performed at the center; they range from biopsies and cystoscopies to hernia repair and arthroscopy, as well as other gynecologic and orthopedic procedures that do not require an overnight stay in the hospital.

New England Surgicare, which will have four operating rooms and a recovery room, is scheduled to begin operations in the fall of 1989. More than 4,000 surgical procedures are expected to be performed in the first year of operation.

"The Deaconess same-day surgery unit will continue to offer outpatient surgery for patients in need of more sophisticated surgery and specialty equipment," says Diane Gulczynski, R.N., director of Nursing/Surgical Services. "But, the external surgicenter will help create a more flexible OR schedule for inpatient cases here at the hospital."

Farr elevator renovation: one down, three to go

Part of the dream of quicker and quieter Farr elevators became a reality in early February with the on-target completion of the first elevator renovation. Bruce McClay and Tony Antonelli, field installation specialists from Payne Elevator Company, turned over the keys to Dennis Monty, manager of projects/design, Maintenance and Engineering after the test ride, which McClay described as "smooth as silk."

Normal elevator service resumed following a 17-week renovation, which began in October 1988. During that time, a microprocessor-based system replaced the operating mechanism, and modern walls and ceiling were installed in the elevator cab.

Before being returned to service, final tests performed on the elevator made sure the renovated cab traveled at the correct speed, bore the weight, and leveled properly under a full load. Renovation of the next elevator began in mid-February. According to Monty, if all goes as planned, the second elevator renovation should be completed in June. The end date of the project is February 1990.

Dennis Monty (left), Maintenance and Engineering, receives keys to the new Farr Building elevator from Bruce McClay (right) and Tony Antonelli of Payne Elevator Company. Among the elevator's new features are wheelchair level call buttons and Braille floor numbers.

Other minor renovations have been completed on the Deaconess and Baker elevators. In addition, improvements to the internal appearance of the Deaconess, Palmer, and Baker elevators—such as new sidewalls and better lighting—also were finished last month.

Thanks go to all employees for their patience in waiting longer for Farr elevators and for taking the stairs. Remember, "take the stairs, it's not too Farr."

Deaconess in the news

Deaconess people in the news in the past few months include:

• **Herbert Benson, M.D.,** chief of the section on behavioral medicine, was interviewed regarding the mind/body connection by ABC-TV's medical correspondent, Tim Johnson, M.D., for "20/20." Benson also was quoted in a *USA Today* article about the relaxation response.

• **Jerome Groopman, M.D.,** chief of hematology/oncology, was interviewed by the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, Associated Press, and United Press International regarding laboratory research on a new version of CD4, a substance that may block the AIDS virus from infecting immune cells.

• **Anthony Monaco, M.D.,** section chief, organ transplantation and **Anthony Sahyoun, M.D.,** co-director of the international health care program, were interviewed by United Press International regarding treatment options for a Palestinian youth who was cared for at the Deaconess.

Pulse deadlines

Deadlines for *Pulse* submissions for coming issues are as follows:

May issue — **April 7**

June issue — **May 8**

Please send all submissions to Public Relations, Harris Hall 2, or call 2-8046.

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Candidates for MR will be carefully screened to ensure that they are free of potentially dangerous magnetic objects such as pacemakers and metal clips. People entering the MR building will be asked to leave all metal objects in lockers in the reception area. A fence and warning signs will keep passersby at a safe distance from the magnetic field.

"Once all the safety requirements have been met, MRI will offer enormous benefits to patients," says Joanne Incerpi, chief MRI technologist. "MRI is painless and does not use any x-rays whatsoever. Patients may eat and drink as usual prior to the procedure, which takes approximately 30-45 minutes, and are able to go home immediately afterwards."

Area groups unite to feed the hungry

The Longwood Medical Area is world-renowned for its wealth of health care and educational resources. Yet poverty and hunger exist right next door. In an effort to help combat hunger and hunger-related problems in the Mission Hill/Fenway area, several local institutions, including the Deaconess, have formed the Longwood Medical Area/Mission Hill and Fenway Food Project—a consortium that provides emergency food assistance in the Mission Hill and Fenway areas.

The project began in 1984 as a series of meetings sponsored by Brigham and Women's Hospital, in response to a Harvard School of Public Health study that revealed a large population of undernourished people in the Boston area. The venture has since grown to include the ABCD Parker Hill/Fenway Neighborhood Service Center, Bank of Boston, Beth Israel Hospital, Boston Food Bank, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Children's Hospital, Central Boston Elder Services, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Emmanuel College, Joslin Diabetes Center, Harvard Medical School, Harvard School of Public Health, MASCO, Mission Church, Mission Extension Project, New England Baptist Hospital, Simmons College, and the Winsor School, as well as the Deaconess.

Judy Palken, M.S., R.D., (right), Dietetics, with food project community coordinator specialist Rena Johnson. In addition to canned food drives, the project sponsors educational activities to raise awareness of hunger-related issues.

The project provides assistance to local food pantries and meal programs through canned food drives, transportation, support services, and fund-raising events. In addition, it seeks to raise awareness of hunger and hunger-related issues through educational events and activities, which have included a seminar on domestic hunger in the U.S. as well as a symposium and panel discussion on homelessness.

"It is encouraging to work with a group of people from diverse backgrounds and perspectives in such a productive way," says David Eppstein, manager of community affairs, MASCO, and chairman of the Food Project. "It helps build understanding. The institutions get a sense of the community's needs and expectations, while the community gains an understanding of what the institutions can contribute.

"In the future, we would like to expand our activities, including outreach programs at local schools, to raise awareness and increase support for the project," says Eppstein. "We also hope to encourage groups in other neighborhoods to start similar programs to deal with hunger and homelessness." The project will work with the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services to assist businesses outside the Mission Hill/Fenway area in meeting the challenge.

During the week of April 24, the annual "Spring for a Can" food drive will be held. Deaconess employees are encouraged to participate. As in the past, there will be a drop-off box for non-perishable food donations in the cafeteria.

"Deaconess participation in the food drives has been very successful," says Judy Palken, M.S., R.D., cardiology dietician specialist and member of the Food Project. "Some people even bring bags full of food. Every little bit helps." For more information contact Judy Palken (2-8171).

Be heart smart and learn the facts about cholesterol

Everyone should by concerned with maintaining a healthy heart. Although some of the risk factors for heart disease—such as family history, age, and sex—cannot be altered, lifestyle factors like diet, exercise, and smoking can be controlled. An important factor that is directly affected by diet is blood cholesterol level.

Cholesterol is a wax-like substance produced by the human body to help build cell walls and make hormones. The body produces all the cholesterol it needs. But excess cholesterol can enter the body through food. The types of foods that contribute to elevated blood cholesterol include foods of animal origin—meat, seafood, poultry, and dairy products—and foods high in saturated fats, such as palm and coconut oils.

An elevated cholesterol level increases the risk of heart attack, the leading cause of death in the United States. More than 50 percent of Americans have blood cholesterol levels high enough to be at risk of heart disease—and most do not know it. This risk can be increased by a diet that contains excessive amounts of calories, saturated fats, and cholesterol. For many people, lowering blood cholesterol levels may require only a few changes in the daily diet.

To educate Deaconess employees about the importance of maintaining a healthy blood cholesterol level, the Pathology Lab and the Employee Health Clinic will sponsor a cholesterol awareness program during National Laboratory Week, April 9-15. Employees may sign up for cholesterol screenings at a site to be announced. Blood will be drawn during the following times: Tuesday, April 11, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wednesday, April 12, 2 to 4 p.m.; Thursday, April 13, 7 to 10 a.m.; and Friday, April 14, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Personnel from the Health Clinic and Dietetics also will present information on nutrition and cholesterol.

In addition, each day throughout National Laboratory Week, a different display will highlight a specific lab: microbiology, hematology, chemistry, blood bank, and cytology/histology. Posted flyers will detail further activities scheduled for National Laboratory Week.

The National Institutes of Health recommend that all people know their cholesterol level. Be heart smart and learn the facts. For more information, call the Employee Health Clinic (2-8157).

Asking for the gift of life

Organ and tissue transplantation offer hope for dramatically improving and sometimes saving the lives of patients. Although most adults in this country are aware of the need for donations, every year there are thousands of patients who continue waiting because the organs or tissues they need are not available.

To encourage donation of appropriate organs and tissues for transplantation, Massachusetts and most other states have passed "required request" or "routine inquiry" laws. Each hospital in the state is required to have a policy ensuring compliance with the law, which stipulates that health care workers offer the possibility of organ or tissue donation to the families of potential donors.

The Deaconess policy, which went into effect last July, states that the attending physician or a designate or the primary nurse of a patient who has died should offer the patient's family an opportunity to consider organ and tissue donation. The policy does not call for requesting donations if there is reason to believe the family would object for religious reasons, if the donation would not be medically appropriate, or if the request would cause undue distress for the family.

"We understand that staff members may be uncomfortable in asking family members about donation during such a stressful time," says Pat Conway, R.N., transplant clinician. "The best approach may be to ask whether the family ever has considered organ or tissue donation. This opens the subject gently and allows further exploration if any interest is apparent. Staff members also may consider that families often find organ or tissue donation a comfort, a way to find something positive in a tragic situation."

Because of the many liver and kidney transplants performed at the Deaconess, most employees are aware of the need for organ donations. Yet, because the hospital does not routinely care for accident victims (who are the most common organ donors), some may assume that few Deaconess patients would be appropriate donors.

"We actually have had a few patients here become organ donors," says Conway. "But what people often forget is donation of tissues, such as eyes and skin. Almost anyone who does not have a serious infectious disease can be a tissue donor. Thousands of people are waiting for corneal transplants that can restore or improve their sight. Skin tissue is essential in helping patients recover from serious burns, and bones and heart valves also are important donations."

Employees with questions about organ and tissue donation or the required request policy may page Conway (beeper 3-2475) during the regular day shift. At other times, questions should be directed to the New England Organ Bank (24-hour emergency number 800 322-6302).

Sign a card during donor week

During Organ Donor Awareness Week, April 23-30, nurses from Palmer 4, Farr 7, and the transplant team plan a variety of activities to spread the word about the importance of organ donation to the entire Deaconess community. Interested employees will find information to read, donor cards to sign, and "Be an Organ Donor" t-shirts to buy (proceeds to benefit nursing education). Several patients who have received or are waiting for a transplant will be on hand to lend their support to the effort. Watch for the information table or call Palmer 4 (2-8781) or Farr 7 (2-8731).

Staff members from the many departments involved in caring for transplant patients will celebrate Organ Donor Awareness Week April 23-30. Several representatives model t-shirts and sweatshirts that will be sold throughout the week. Front row (from left): Sandra Jensen, R.N., Palmer 4; Claire McCarthey-Eilertsen, R.N., PACU; Aida Arthur, R.N., Palmer 4. Back row (from left): Jean Pinkham, R.N., Farr 7; Beta Batac, R.N., PACU; Joanne Hennebury, R.N., Triage; Bernadin Roy, kidney transplant recipient; and Carlos Algarin, PACU.
(Not pictured: OR staff and transplant nurses.)

Date changed for Service Awards Reception

The date for the annual Service Awards Reception has been changed to **Thursday, April 13.** The change was made after the March *Pulse* went to press, but was reflected in the invitations that have been sent to eligible employees (those with five or more years of service). For more information, contact Human Resources (2-8147).

New parking rates go into effect, T pass discount increased

New rates for employees parking in the Pilgrim Road garage and off-site locations went into effect in March. The rate changes were the first increases in almost two years. New weekly rates for payroll deduction parkers are as follows:

Pilgrim Road	
day	$16.50
evening	$10.50
rotator	$12.50
part-time	$ 8.25
24-hour	$20.50
Kenmore lot	$16.50

There are no changes to payroll deduction rates for the night shift or for the Wentworth and Peterborough lots. Increases also have gone into effect for cash parking in the Pilgrim Road garage.

"Although we regret having to increase these prices," says Gail Graham, manager of Administrative Services, "the Deaconess still has the lowest rates and the most convenient onsite parking facility of any hospital in the area."

Because increased use of public transportation is one of the best solutions to the incessant traffic and parking problems in the Longwood area, the hospital has increased the discount rate for MBTA and commuter rail passes from 25 percent to 35 percent, effective May 1. Passes are available in the Farr 1 cashier's office during the **last four working days of each month,** between the hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Employees may pay cash for the passes or may arrange for prepaid payroll deduction. Prepaid passes **must** be picked up during the last four working days of the month, or they will be returned to the MBTA with no reimubursement to the employee.

For more information about parking rates or the MBTA discount pass program, contact the parking office (2-8028).

April teleconferences

Mary O'Brien, P.T., Rehabilitation Services, takes patient Bill Gaudet through a therapy session on the Kin-Com, a new piece of equipment recently acquired by the department. The Kin-Com provides four forms of exercise to strengthen muscles in people recovering from injuries and for some neurologic patients.

The following teleconferences, open to all hospital employees, will be held during April:

Back school: principles in action

- A phased approach to patient education, focused on teaching patients about the pathology of back problems, developing a patient/therapist understanding of symptoms, and incorporating individual and group training. **April 18, 3 to 5 p.m.,** sponsored by American Rehabilitation Educational Network.

Private sector utilization review

- This program includes approaches for recovering hospital costs associated with private review, key considerations in developing agreements with external reviewers, methods for efficiently and effectively handling private review and case management demands, and strategies for enhancing working relationships with private review staff. **April 20 at 1 p.m.,** sponsored by American Hospital Association.

The transplant system today: where did we come from, who are we, and where are we going?

- **April 26 at 1 p.m.,** sponsored by Hospital Satellite Network.

All teleconferences will be held in Joslin Auditorium. For more information on these programs and on other April teleconferences, call Media Services (2-8125).

Recruitment update

During February, 41 new employees joined the Deaconess. Welcome to:

Robby Bararata, Pharmacy
Lennox Beaumont, Cardiology
Boris Broun, Joint Center for Radiation Therapy
Nganlun Chan, Controller's Office
Demetric Cooper, Physician Financial Services
Genese Cormier, EEG
Joylene Davis, Cardiology
Elaine DeJong, Nursing
Suzanne Dekkers, Nursing
Vita Dempsey, Nursing
Deborah Garrant, Nursing
Diane Gouthro, Nursing
Timothy Guilfoyle, Nursing
Coqui Jacobs, Hyperalimentation
Mary Jo Mahan, Pathology
Edwina Johnson, Nursing
Heidi Kahlert, Nursing
Jill Lancer, Nursing
Lolette Linton, Nursing
Kathleen Magyar, Nursing
Melissa Mason, Admitting
JoAnn Moretti, Research Administration
Ave Myers, Patient Financial Services
Gasan Nemr, Pathology
Phyllis Niegelberg, Nursing
Robin Olivieri, Cardiology
Elizabeth Roberts, Admitting
Roberto Sanchez, Information Systems
Margaret Schmidt, Rehabilitation Services
Laurie Sherman, Joint Center for Radiation Therapy
Elizabeth Thomann, Research
Yoanna Thompson, Nursing
Laurence Topliffe, Nursing
Deborah Tucker, Social Services
Archana Varshney, Research
Rhonda Walcott, Patient Financial Services
Shirley Wilcher, Nursing
Nancy Wilson, Radiology
Fofie Witter, Deaconess Surgical Associates
Peter Wong, Information Systems

Celebrate "99 Day" on April 7

All employees are invited to the second annual "99 Day" open house on Friday, April 7, from 2-5 p.m., hosted by 99 Brookline Avenue employees. Meet the faces behind the voices of people from Accounting, Accounts Payable, Budgeting, Cashier, Decision Support/Cost Accounting, Inpatient Billing, Outpatient Billing, Physician Billing, Purchasing, and Reimbursement; and take a tour of the Deaconess space. The 99 staff will provide sandwiches and other refreshments including a scrumptious cake made by a 99 employee. Continuous van service from the Farr lobby entrance to 99 will be available all afternoon. Employees who can attend are encouraged to save their appetites, hop the van, and take time to get acquainted with 99 staff.

Show your stuff in the Deaconess Photography Contest

Only one month remains for employees to enter the Deaconess Photography Contest. Participants must be full-, part-, or limited part-time employees, and must be amateur photographers—they cannot support themselves by taking photographs. All entries must be 5" by 7" or 8" by 10" prints, color or black and white. They must be submitted—with participant's name, department, telephone extension, and photo title (if any) on the back of the print—to **Photo Contest, Public Relations Department, Harris Hall 239,** by 5 p.m. on April 28. For further information and a complete set of rules, call Public Relations (2-8046).

Mark your calendars . . .

The 1989 "Night at the Pops," sponsored by the Friends of the Deaconess, will be held on July 12. Look for more details in future issues of *Pulse*.

Security tips

The number of petty thefts reported throughout the hospital has been on the rise. Therefore, Security requests that every staff member take the following steps: 1) Report suspicious persons or activities to Security (2-9111). 2) Secure all valuables and personal property, and remind patients and visitors to do the same. 3) Wear your I.D. badge at all times while on hospital property. 4) If an incident should occur, immediately report it to Security. For more information contact Security (2-9111).

Ultrasound moves to Baker 1

The ultrasound section of Radiology has moved to Baker 1 where it shares space with the vascular lab. The new location provides increased space for patients waiting for outpatient examinations. To schedule an ultrasound exam, call the same number as in the past, 2-8478. To schedule a vascular lab examination, call 2-8464.

Hypertension clinic offers program for health care providers

In recognition of the special needs of health care professionals, the hypertension clinic of the section on behavioral medicine is offering a program for health care providers. The program is appropriate for individuals who have risk factors such as hypertension, high cholesterol levels, and controlled angina, and is open to nurses, therapists, dietitians, and other health care professionals at the Deaconess and in the Longwood area. To enroll or for further information, contact behavioral medicine (2-9527). Enrollment is limited to 15, so call early!

Two Mind/Body groups will begin this spring: The Mind/Body Graduate Group for Cancer patients will start in April, and the Mind/Body Group for PMS will begin in May. For more information call behavioral medicine (2-9527).

Use your badges to cross the bridge

Beginning April 15, access to the bridge between Harris Hall and Farr 4 will be restricted from 6 p.m. to 5 a.m. daily and 24 hours on weekends and holidays. Identification badge access will be required to cross the bridge during those hours. For more information, contact Security (2-9111).

"Spring for a Can" to support food project

The annual "Spring for a Can" food drive, sponsored by the Longwood Medical Area/Mission Hill and Fenway Food Project, will be held the week of April 24. All employees are encouraged to place their donations of non-perishable food items in the box located in the cafeteria. For more information, see the article on page 3 or contact Judy Palken (2-8171).

Volunteers add that special touch

During the week of April 9-15, the Deaconess will observe National Volunteer Week in honor of the outstanding efforts of the hospital's many volunteers. The Annual Awards Luncheon will be held in May.

Last year, 263 Deaconess volunteers donated 31,230 hours of service in more than 30 areas—including Admitting, Patient Transport, labs, Nursing, Human Resources, and the Gift and Thrift shops. The Surgical Liaison program was lauded for "outstanding volunteer service" by the United Way of Massachusetts Bay.

Volunteers of all ages always are needed. The minimum time commitment is three hours per week, and volunteers receive free parking, a meal, and a uniform. For more information, contact Volunteer Services (2-8044).

News from DHHCC

As a result of program expansion throughout New England, Deaconess Home Health Care has added a new incoming WATS line. The new number—800-678-DHHC—is available to patients and health care professionals in New England. For more information, call DHHCC (2-9731).

Spring into shape

Discover the hidden fats in your diet and find the secret to permanent weight control. Beginning Wednesday, May 3, Tammy Evans, M.S., R.D., a registered dietitian specializing in weight control, will conduct an employee weight control program. Join fellow employees to learn how to manage weight without feeling deprived and improve confidence in making healthy food choices. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 12-12:45 p.m. The course fee is $100 and includes a computerized nutritional analysis. Participants who attend all ten classes will receive a $25 rebate. For pre-registration and further information, contact Kristen Yonker (2-8184 or beeper 3-2897). Enrollment is limited so register now!

April service awards

Congratulations to the following employees who celebrate their service anniversaries in April:

25 years
Beverly Green, R.N., Nursing

20 years
Janice McGonagle, Pulmonary Function Lab
Kathleen Reid, Nursing

15 years
Norma Allen, R.N., Nursing
Susan Connolly, Pharmacy
Elizabeth Durkin, Nursing
Nancy Morrison, R.N., Nursing
Rev. Frederick Schuster, Pastoral Care

10 years
Carlene Bane, R.N., Nursing
Judith Campbell, Nursing
Jean Devlin, Nursing
Christopher Gile, NEDH Corp.
Adelfa Lio, Building Services
Kathleen McGrath, R.N., Nursing
Pamela Meroski, Nursing
Lindsey Schneider, CRI
Dennis Sera, Laboratory Services
Phyllis Wasserman, Volunteer Services
Christie Williamson, R.N., Nursing

5 years
Sheila Barry, Pathology
Anne Bonner, R.N., Nursing
Carmen Brown, Nursing
Jacqueline Bundley, Nursing
Judith Carr, Pulmonary Function Lab
Michael Carvalho, Pharmacy
Joanne Cuddy, Nursing
Nathalie Falcone, CRI
Joanne Powers, CT Scanner
Kimberly Tirrell, R.N., Nursing

(This list was provided by the Human Resources Department.)

News in brief *(continued from page 8)*

Katherine Myers, R.N., M.S., Farr 9, was certified by the American Nurses Association as a gerontology nurse practitioner.

Daniel Miller, M.D., chief of otolaryngology/head and neck surgery, was visiting professor at New York Eye and Ear Infirmary where, as the guest of honor at the Cracoranee Symposium, he spoke on "Future Management of Advanced Head and Neck Cancer."

Lori Ouellette, R.N., M.S., cardiovascular clinical nurse specialist, gave a talk entitled "Women and heart disease: statistics and strategies for risk reduction" to the Winchester Women's Club.

Ellison Pierce Jr., M.D., chief of Anaesthesia, lectured on managing diabetic patients and the standards of care in anaesthesia at the *Academia Colombiana de Anestesiologia* in Colombia.

Paul Sesin, Pharm. D., Pharmacy, was appointed to the editorial review board of the journal *Pharmacotherapy.*

Leo Stolbach, M.D., medical oncologist, spoke to the Cancer Care Committee at Southwood Hospital regarding the Mind/Body Program for cancer patients.

Francine K. Welty, M.D., cardiology fellow, was selected as a winner of the American College of Physicians 1989 Associates Clinical Paper Competition, sponsored by Merck Sharp & Dohme. She will present her paper at the Annual Session in San Francisco this month.

Timothy White, R.Ph., Pharmacy, gave a poster presentation entitled, "Cefotetan vs. Cefoxitin: Drug Utilization Review" to the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists in Dallas.

Dietetics update

The Coffee Shop is expanding its take-out service and will be adding more take-out items in the near future. Currently, chicken, egg, tuna, chef, and fresh garden salads are available, premade and ready for pickup. Submarine sandwiches are available from noon until 7 p.m. For more information, call Dietetics (2-8171).

The cafeteria requests the assistance of all Deaconess staff and volunteers in recovering lost equipment. Over the past year, large quantities of silverware and trays have been removed from the cafeteria. The resulting shortages create delays in the cafeteria line. Replacement of these items is costly, and prevents funds from being used toward other improvements. Please return or report all missing food service equipment. For more information call the cafeteria (2-8175).

Get into the swing of things

Spring is here and it's time to enjoy the outdoors by joining in the Deaconess softball program. This year's softball season will begin in May. All departments/work areas are encouraged to organize teams of at least nine people. Human Resources will provide a field, bats, balls, and bases. Interested employees should call Human Resources (2-8141).

Countway Library offers April seminars

The Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine at Harvard Medical School will offer seminars this month on the following topics: **Countway catalogs, biomedical databases, Harvard's online catalog, verifying citations,** and **Index Medicus.** For information on times and dates, contact Amelia Rokicki (2-2134).

Local theatre presents children's favorite

The Wheelock Family Theatre will present "Androcles and the Lion," the children's version of the favorite old fable, from April 14 through May 7. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are $6. The theatre is located at 180 The Riverway, and limited free and discounted parking is available. For more information and reservations call 734-5203.

Lung association announces bicycle trek

The American Lung Association of Boston is sponsoring its third annual TransAmerica Bicycle Trek, June 5-July 21, and a New England Discovery Bicycle Trek, June 18-24. This year hundreds of cyclists will travel across the country to benefit the American Lung Association. For more information and to register, call the American Lung Association at 269-9720.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bruce R. Bistrian, M.D., Ph.D., chief of nutrition, was elected president of the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition.

Michael Carvalho, R.Ph., Pharmacy, presented "Parenteral H2 Antagonist in a Large Teaching Hospital" to the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists in Dallas.

Ellen Cerasuolo, R.N., and **Debra Hower, R.N.,** IV therapy, were chosen as seminar chairpersons for the New England Chapter of the National Intravenous Nurses Society.

Paul Church, M.D., urology, spoke to the Ostomy Association of Boston on "Urological Issues for Ostomates." He also gave surgical grand rounds on impotence at Faulkner Hospital.

Theresa DiDomizio, R.N., IV therapy, was selected as scholarship chairperson for the New England Chapter of the Intravenous Nurses Society.

Jeffrey Dover, M.D., chief of dermatology, published an article entitled "Cutaneous effects and therapeutic uses of heat with emphasis on infrared radiation" in the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology.*

Robert Eyre, M.D., chief of urology, recently served as interim chief of surgery at Faulkner Hospital. He also gave two talks at the Countway urology rounds at Harvard Medical School.

Beverly Green, R.N., CRNI, clinical leader, IV therapy, was elected president of the New England Chapter of the Intravenous Nurses Society.

Donna Hauptschein, M.M.Sc., R.D., clinical dietitian, presented a case study on nutritional support in renal disease to the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition.

Olivia Hoblitzelle, M.A., behavioral medicine, gave a talk entitled "Towards self-healing: the relaxation response, meditation, and affective disorders" to the Manic Depressive and Depressive Association of Boston.

Suzanne Holloran, R.N., M.S.N, director of Nursing/Psychiatric Services and Staff Development, co-authored an article entitled "The Nursing Research Committee" in the *Journal of Nursing Administration.*

Jim Huddleston, M.S., P.T., Rehabilitation Services, and **Judy Palken, M.S., R.D.,** Dietetics, spoke at the Boston University School of Public Health on the role of nutrition and exercise in maintaining health and disease prevention.

Judy Jorge-Leonard, R.N., B.S.N., and **Barbara Mishkin, R.N.,** Deaconess 4, participated in a non-violent crisis intervention workshop to become certified as instructors in non-violent crisis intervention.

Jane M. Kilkelly, R.N., B.S.N., Palmer 2, was recently certified in psychiatric nursing.

Carol E. Lang, M.S., R.D., director of Dietetics, addressed members of the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition on liver disease and on nutritional assessment of the geriatric patient. She also published a chapter on nutritional assessment in gastrointestinal disease in ASPEN's core curriculum book for nutritional support dietitians and a chapter on nutritional assessment in a pocket guide to fluids and electrolytes.

Ann Lees, M.D., research staff, presented a seminar entitled "Metabolism of Labelled Lipoproteins" at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where she was visiting professor.

Robert S. Lees, M.D., chief of peripheral vascular diseases, presented the Don MacLeod Memorial Lecture of the Nova Scotia Heart Foundation. His presentation was entitled "Lovastatin: Implications for Therapy of Hyperlipidemia and Cardiovascular Disease."

Frank LoGerfo, M.D., chief of vascular surgery, was program chairman for a national conference on research initiatives in vascular disease sponsored by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and the Society for Vascular Surgery.

Carol Lynn Mandle, R.N., Ph.D., behavioral medicine, co-authored an article entitled "Conceptual models used in clinical practice" in the *Western Journal of Nursing Research.*

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